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FLO: Global Employment Initiative



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What is GEI?

The **Global Employment Initiative (GEI)** is a program designed to help family members of direct hire employees serving overseas under Chief of Mission authority with career development and identification of employment options. Sponsored by the Family Liaison Office, the Global Employment Initiative offers on-site job-coaching sessions, training workshops, and career development services at no cost to the family member. The program also offers networking assistance, access to volunteer projects, and supports family members' efforts to engage in the local economy.

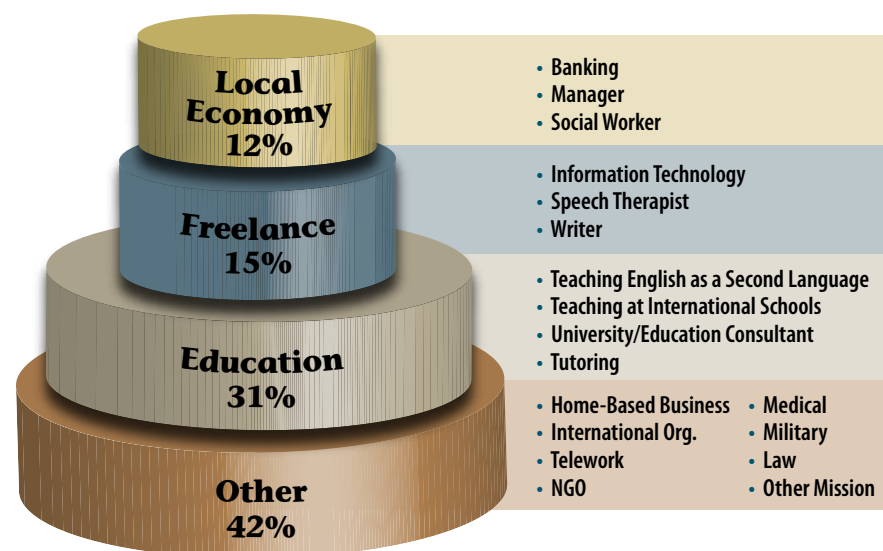
What GEI Can Do for *You*:

- Assist in preparing culturally appropriate résumés
- Provide information on interviewing techniques and individual coaching
- Brief on cross-cultural issues as they relate to the workplace
- Facilitate workshops on employment related topics
- Provide networking assistance in area of interest
- Help with long-term career planning

The Next Step

The Global Employment Initiative offers different types of services in select locations. To find out what kind of services are available at your post, email gei@state.gov.

Types of Jobs Held by Family Members



SOURCE: FAMER Worldwide Employment Overview, May 2011

Before You Start

- ✓ Confirm whether it is legal to work on the local economy as a U.S. Government family member.
- ✓ Be aware of the work permit process, tax laws, and prevailing local wages.
- ✓ Request Chief of Mission approval before working on the local economy.